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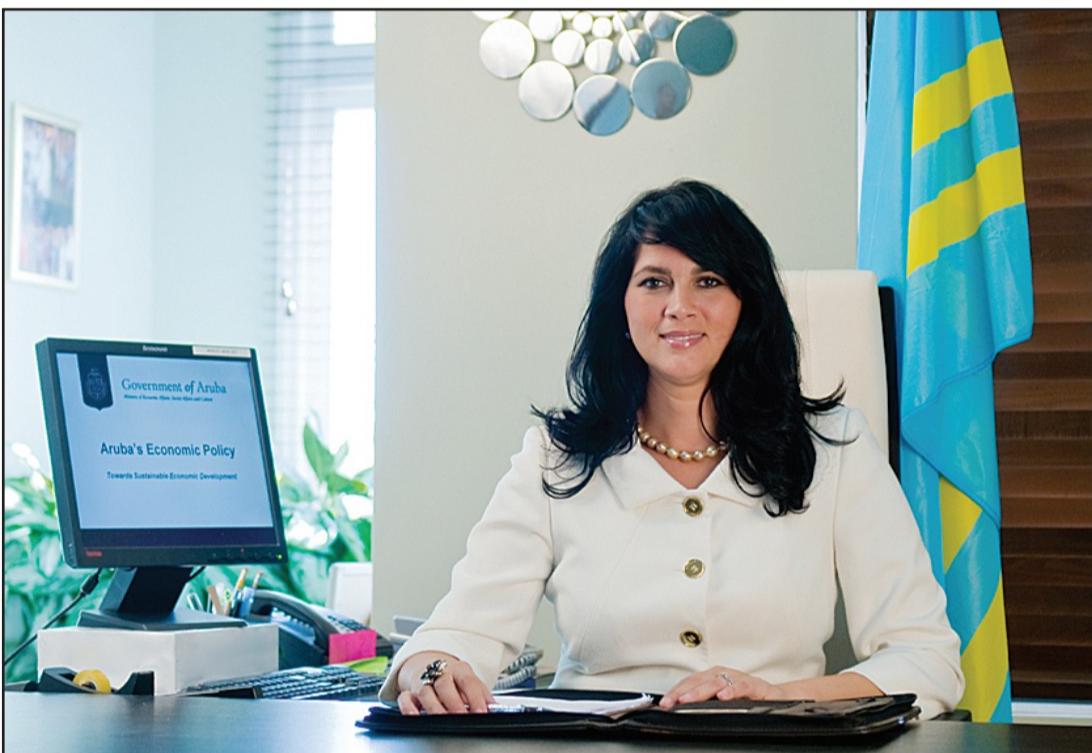
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## First Quarter shows promising economic growth



Tax return figures indicate economic growth during the first quarter of 2011 compared to the same period of 2010. Returns from BBO (sales tax) and income taxes have increased by more than 10%. Import duties have increased by 21% and the AZV tariff returns have seen an increase of 18%. With respect to the AZV (general national sickness insurance) there was a correction made in view of the 2% increase levied January 1, 2011.

The drastic reduction in the fees levied for business permits have resulted in a consid-

erable increase in the amount of requests for business permits at the Department of Economic Affairs in the first three months of 2011. This department registered 167 petitions for business permits in the first quarter of 2011 compared to 124 requests in the same period in the previous year, which was an increase of 34.7%.

Another indicator of economic growth is the amount of containers being transported. This has shown an increase of 639 containers which is an increase of 23.9% compared to 2010.

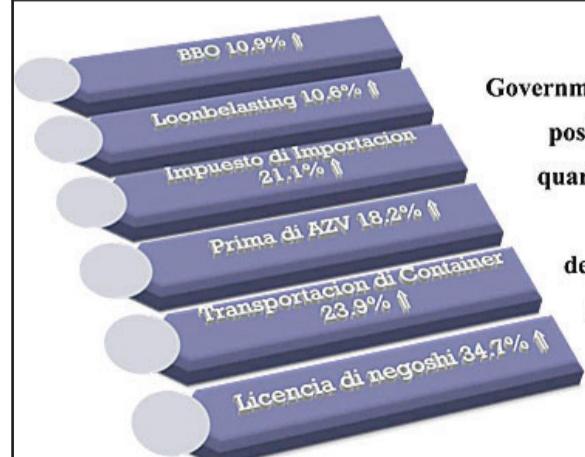
Tourism activities are also significantly more than in 2010. Aruba welcomed 5 thousand more stay-over visitors and 50 thousand more cruise visitors than in 2010.

Along with the developments cited, we have also experienced international price increases especially that of crude oil which has seen a dramatic price increase. Aruba has seen an increase in our consumer price index during the first three months of 2011 which has directly affected the price of water, electricity and gasoline. Up to March 31, 2011, inflation, based on twelve months is at 1.3%. If we compare this with Curacao and the US, Aruba is still relatively lower.

In addition to the reopening of the Refinery, incentives, and tourism growth, the government is investing and providing the necessary stimulus to commerce.

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Government's incentive shows positive results. The first quarter of 2011 indicate a positive economic development compared to the same period of last year.



## City Center Gets Three Giant Parking Areas



Standing on the site where the former Texas commercial building was, Minister of Infrastructure, Benny Sievinger shared the government's vision with those present regarding the complete renovation of the island.

Sievinger recounted how the city center will be completely renovated in the ensuing years. An Art Museum will be erected on the site where the former Texas Commercial building stood. This project is expected to start very soon. The Plaza where this Museum will be built will be connected to the Court House, the Water Tower Building, Plaza Daniel Leo, the Main Street and Plaza Padu. The areas of Rancho, Madiki and Companashi will all be connected to the city center as well.

In this manner our city center will experience the kind of traffic it was known for in past years and will again be a vibrant center that we can all be proud of. The Minister expressed praise for the way that the work is progressing. He said ..."Wegenbouw (Construction Company) is doing a good job and is completing the projects they received permission to undertake. Very soon they will begin the construction phase. Soon the changes will become visible to everyone." This, he said is the first phase of the project.

The question was raised..."Why did the government not use this site to build a parking area in view of the dire need for parking space, and locate the Museum at some other site?" Sievinger responded that the government will be building three parking areas.

One will be next to the new Court House; the other will be where the old Tivoli building was. This site will house a three-story parking area. The third parking area will be at the Arubus site where a four-story parking area will be erected. According to the Minister, on the top floor of the Tivoli parking garage they will be constructing senior citizen homes to stimulate them to come back to the city and become part of the daily life in "playa" (the city center). Sievinger also indicated that at the Museum site there will also be a number of parking spaces under the building which is something very common in most parts of the world.

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## Arizona takes immigration fight to top US court

LOS ANGELES, (AFP) - Arizona will take its fight over a controversial immigration law direct to the US Supreme Court, the southwestern state's governor said yesterday.

Jan Brewer said the law, which came into force last year but with key parts frozen by a court injunction, was essential for Arizona's battle against drug- and violence-scarred illegal immigration from Mexico to the south.

"I've always known this legal fight would be a long one," she said. "But now that this is the path we've chosen, I am confident Arizona will prevail."

The disputed Arizona law took effect last July, but was stripped of a controversial provision that would have given police officers the power to check the immigration status of suspected criminals.

The provision had been blocked by a federal court that agreed with the US Department of Justice's argument that immigration issues are the jurisdiction of the US government -- not state governments.

Opponents said the law was xenophobic and would lead to people being stopped on the streets simply because of the way they look.

But officials in Arizona say they have to act to stem a tide of illegal immigrants from across the border with Mexico, accompanied by soaring crime rates fueled by people smuggling and gun- and drug-running.

Brewer said she decided to appeal directly to the Supreme Court, rather than back to the federal Ninth US Circuit Court of appeals, because of

the urgent need to enact the law in full.

"Time is of the essence. By appealing this case straight to the US Supreme Court.. there is greater likelihood that legal questions surrounding SB 1070 will be resolved quickly so that the law can begin to do its job," she said.

"When faced with injustice, Arizonans will not sit idly by. We will act," she added, saying: "Our issue is bigger than simply border security.

"It's about the principle that a state must be able to protect the safety and welfare of its citizens, especially in the absence of sufficient federal assistance," she said.

"I'm confident that Arizona will emerge victorious from this legal fight."

## Cubans to be allowed more freedom to travel abroad

HAVANA, Cuba (AFP) - Cubans will be allowed to travel abroad as tourists for the first time in more than 50 years, Raul Castro's regime announced Monday, without providing any concrete details of the plans.

"Study a policy that allows Cubans living in the country to travel abroad as tourists," read one of the bullet-points on a government document listing 313 reforms approved at a rare Communist Party Congress mid-April.

The document gave no further detail on the travel policy or a date at which it would be implemented, but was seen as an official decision by the Castro regime to authorize foreign travel as part of a series of landmark reforms.

Although travel abroad is not banned outright, Cubans who want to leave the Caribbean island need to jump through numerous bureaucratic hoops.

A \$150 fee is required for an exit request, which may be denied. Travel abroad has been limited to 30 days, and the paperwork authorizing foreign travel amounts to around \$400 -- too much for most Cubans.

Under the current system, any Cuban who fails to return after 11 months can be declared a "deserter" and lose any possessions in Cuba.

Up to now, travel outside Cuba has been limited mainly to artists, scholars, athletes, and a small number of business people.

In the wake of the 1959 revolution, the Cuban government gave tourist exit visas to exemplary workers who were rewarded with travel to former Soviet bloc nations in Eastern Europe.

Since the collapse of the Soviet Union, this practice has been largely curtailed.

The policy shift is part of a series of reforms announced by President Raul Castro to give a jolt to Cuba's flagging economy, ostensibly by introducing elements of private enterprise without abandoning socialist principles.

In other significant changes, Castro's regime says Cubans will be allowed to buy and sell automobiles or homes, and bank loans are to become more readily available.

Around 90 percent of Cubans own their homes or pay modest rent to the state. Those who are homeowners pay no taxes on the property but cannot sell their homes.

Some Cubans get around this through a home exchange called "permuto" in which two homeowners agree on a swap. This has led to an underground market in which large sums of money can be exchanged for property deals.



In this image released by the SITE Intelligence Group shows the Afghan Taliban released a video of its Canadian hostage Colin McKenzie Rutherford on its website. The 2 minute, 29 second video shows Rutherford sitting and answering questions asked by an individual off-camera in English. He identified his name, age, nationality, religion, and education, and said that he is an auditor who came to Afghanistan in October to visit its historical sites. He first visited the capital Kabul, and then, during his trip to Ghazni province, he was captured by the Afghan Taliban. The interrogator asked about his treatment thus far by the Afghan Taliban, and Rutherford responded that he has been treated "humanely." The video was introduced by a Pashto-language message posted on the Afghan Taliban's website. A translation of the message is forthcoming.

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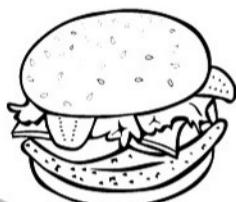
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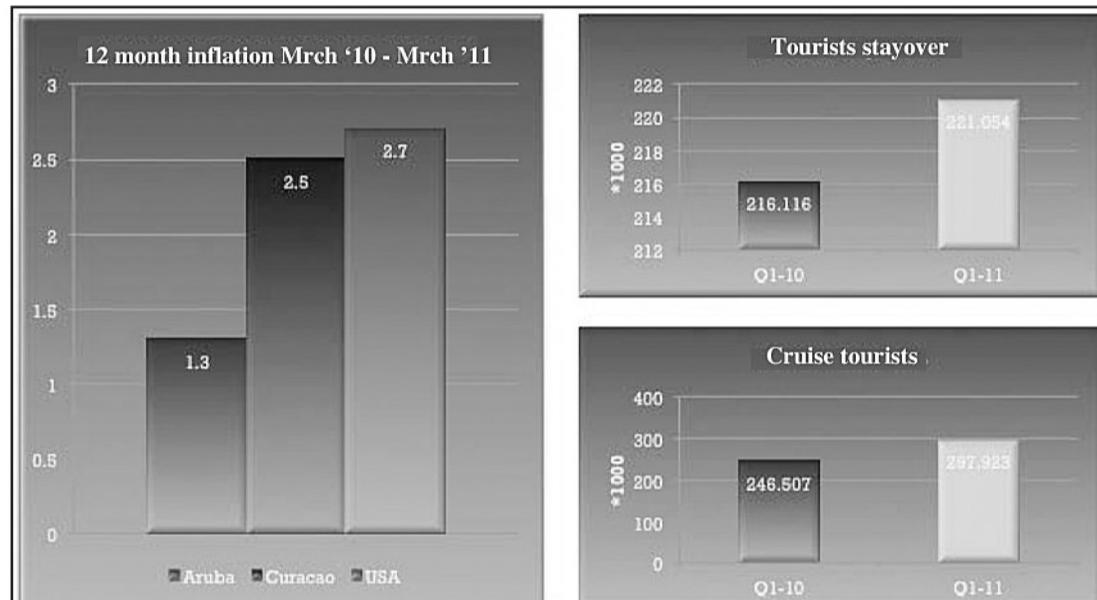


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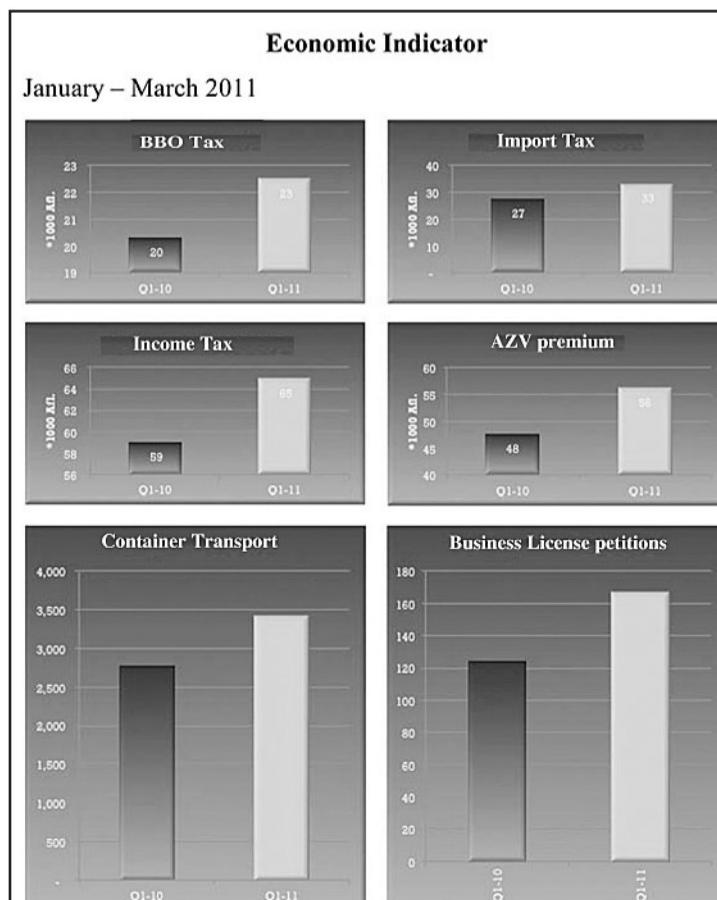
Consequently, the government's investments together with investments by the private sector are contributing to solid economic growth in 2011.

The ministry of Economic

Affairs is convinced that economic development is headed in the right direction notwithstanding the global economic factors and the international price of petroleum and food.

These are all important external factors in 2011. In view of this, the government is working from a solid management plan towards sustained economic growth.

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Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA) reported here this week that they are very pleased with the vast number of visitors to Aruba registered for the month of April 2011, which surpassed the numbers of those who visited in the same period of 2010. Even more remarkable, is that the number of visitors for April 2011 surpassed the number of visitors registered for the month of April over the past three years!

Aruba welcomed a total of 79.717 visitors during April 2011, compared to 69.157 in April 2010, which is an increase of 15%. The increase covers all of Aruba's principal markets, namely, the North American, Latin American and European markets. All age categories have shown an increase, and occupancy in our low-rise hotels saw a significant increase during the month compared to that of previous years.

The principal market which made the biggest impact in April 2011 is the Latin American market. In the lead was Venezuela, which has doubled in growth compared to past years!

A whopping 11.998 Venezuelans visited Aruba, an increase of 6963 visitors in real figures, which is an increase of 138% compared with the same month of 2010. This increase was especially noticeable during the Easter Week period. Colombia has also increased with 852 visitors more (+110%) compared to previous years. Brazil reportedly grew by 27% (1334 visitors). All other Latin American markets showed an increase with the exception of Argentina and Ecuador. The reason for this could be, among others, the strong growth in other Latin American markets could have resulted in fewer seats on airlines being available for those

interested in Aruba from this continent.

### North America:

From Aruba's principal market, there has been an increase of 2% (54.894 visitors).

Visitors from the US increased by 1% (51.914 visitors) and from Canada with 10% (2980 visitors).

### Europe:

The European market grew by 35% (5882 visitors) in the month of April 2011. The country making an impact on Aruba is Italy. This is because of a charter flight flying the Milan-Aruba route since December 2010. In addition, the Netherlands (+18%), Germany, England and Scandinavia have also manifested positive increases.

Aruba received during January to April 2011 a total of 300.771 visitors, which represents an increase of 5.43%, compared to the same period last year which was a total of 285.273 visitors who visited Aruba.

With respect to Cruise Tourism, the month of April 2011 registered a total of 55.522 cruise visitors, this represents 16% less compared to the same month of 2010. There were a total of 30 cruise ships who called on Aruba.

According to the ATA, 2011 was off to an excellent start with Aruba breaking record with a myriad of visitors in January and a record number of cruise visitors in March.

This trend continued through to the month of April, thus far, the best month of the past four years! ATA is especially pleased with these results, which are the result of all the hard work being done locally and in every market. ATA is expecting to receive the results of the study of the quality of our visitors so as to be able to measure this criterion which is a critical part of their strategy – quality versus quantity.



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## Minister Dr. Richard Visser opens International Nursing Day activities



Minister and Elvira Tromp raise the flag



Dr. Arnold Booesten and Minister with Gina Maduro of nurses union and Gerardo Oduber



Celebrating our hardworking nurses



Minister Visser officially opens the week

Dr. Arnold Booesten, Director of the Dr. Horacio E. Oduber Hospital, welcomed Minister Public Health and Sport, Dr. Richard Visser, along with hospital staff, for the official opening of a week of events to commemorate International Nurses Day on May 12.

As explained by Dr. Booesten, it is a week of tribute, camaraderie and education, when the hospital will conduct a number of activities, including lectures and workshops, for the enjoyment and edification of the nursing staff.

One of the most popular among the nurses is when hospital administrators and executive staff serve them



Painting by Ingeborg Schumacher

breakfast on Thursday, in celebration of their special day.

In 1953, Dorothy Sutherland, an official with the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, had proposed to President Dwight D. Eisenhower that he proclaim a "Nurses Day;" however, it was not approved. The International Council of Nurses (ICN) has celebrated this day since 1965.

In January 1974, the decision was made to celebrate the day on May 12th as it is the anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale, who is widely considered the founder of modern nursing. Each year,

ICN prepares and distributes the International Nurses' Day Kit, which contains educational and public information materials and found useful by nurses in all nations.

In 1974, one of the last acts of President Richard Nixon before his resignation was to designate May 9 to 15 as National Nursing Week, which is observed in the U.S., Canada, and Aruba, as well. Minister Dr. Visser assisted Nurse Elvira Tromp from the ICU in officially raising the flag of Nursing Week, while Dr. Booesten with President of the Board of Aruba's Medical

Directorship, Gerard Oduber, simultaneously raised the national banner.

A part of the week's events is an art exposition in the waiting area adjacent to the x-ray department; works by staff members are on display for the week, with prizes awarded on the final day.

Minister Dr. Visser declared the importance of a qualified nursing staff is beyond measure, and all islanders should be proud of their hardworking caregivers at the Dr. Horacio E. Oduber Hospital.

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## KIA personnel received upgrading course



A group of prison guards and other workers have recently completed a special course offered all prison workers at KIA (Aruba's Correctional Institute). There were 23 persons enrolled in the course at the onset while only 13 continued throughout the entire course.

Of the 13 who continued to the end, 11 of them actually finished the course successfully.

The special course began October 18, 2010 with the following subjects on the roster: personal management, communication techniques, thought and behavior tactics, working on projects, Dutch language, legal rights, human relations, rules of the job and self defense.

Personal development of the KIA personnel is very important in the light of their varied job aspects. Aspects such as daily communication with inmates and colleagues, the knowledge of legal penalties, self defense, language skills, dealing with work related rules, etc. The development of these employees is important in order to cultivate a pleasant

working atmosphere for both inmates and their families. The teachers who provided the course were: R.A Liendo, R. Leander, C. Hodge, M. Loefstok, R. Boye and F. Leslie.

President of the DWGA/ICN management team, Mr. R. Peterson, presented the diplomas to each graduate in the presence of the teaching corps of this middle rank training program. Heads of the different sections of the ICN and other invitees were on hand to witness the festive occasion. The ceremony was held at the new center for development at Balashi.

The graduates are the following: Hubert Solognier, Ryan Cannegieter, Emilio Murray, Ingrid James, Patricia Maduro, Roberto Paesch, Gregory Alias, Juli Carti, Maria Courtar, Edward Tromp and Cornelus Hooft.

This course will undoubtedly help them in their interaction with each other and with prison inmates at KIA and at the same time enable them to offer expert service to the entire Aruban community.

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## Commemorative publication to be presented here soon

ORANJESTAD -- The General Advise Counsel of Aruba (Raad van Advies) this year celebrates 25 years.

It was back in 1986 when Aruba received its Apart Status within the Dutch Kingdom that this body was instituted as the institution to provide counsel to the government and to Parliament. They provide advice on matters pertaining to law proposals and on other important concepts relevant to our democracy.

To celebrate this historic milestone, the General Advise Counsel of Aruba has presented a new publication titled, "Judicial Knowledge, (Juridisch geweten) 25 years General Advice Council of Aruba."

The commemorative book is an interesting compilation recounting the scope of the function and role of this body

and of how it functions both nationally and in the context of the Dutch Kingdom and the European Union.

Among the 24 authors who contributed to the book are: Governor F. Refunjol, former Governor O. Koolman, Prime Minister Mr. M. Eman, former Prime Minister, Mr. N. Oduber, former Governor of the Antilles, Mr. J. Saleh, Vice President of State Counsel, Mr. H. Tjeenk Willink, Minister of Kingdom Relations, Mr. J.P.H. Donner, former Prime Minister of Holland, Hirsch Ballin, Vice president of the General Advice Counsel of St. Maarten, Mr. M.C.C. Brooks-Salmon, and member of the General Counsel of St. Maarten, Mr. D.L. Richardson.

The commemorative book will be presented to our Governor, the President of Parliament and to our Prime

Minister during a reception to be held here on Friday, May 13th.

It is expected that the Governor of Aruba and the President of the General Advice Counsel of Aruba, Mr. A.J. Swaen will deliver speeches to those present.

The commemorative publication "Juridisch geweten, 25 jaar Raad van Advies Aruba," will be available for purchase at all bookstores on Aruba.

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## Sci-Tech

## Tiger cub video triggers WWF call to save forests



JAKARTA (AFP) – Conservation group WWF on Monday urged timber firms to drop plans to clear Indonesian forest areas where infrared cameras have captured footage of rare Sumatran tigers and their cubs.

The video, recorded in March and April, shows two mothers with four cubs and another six of the critically endangered big cats in the Bukit Tigapuluh wildlife reserve in eastern Sumatra.

"That was the highest number of tigers and tiger images obtained... we've ever

experienced," WWF tiger researcher Karmila Parakkasi said in a statement.

The WWF said the 12 tigers were concentrated in locations with good forest cover, including in a land concession belonging to Barito Pacific Timber, which it described as a wood supplier to regional giant Asia Pulp and Paper (APP).

"This video confirms the extreme importance of these forests in the Bukit Tigapuluh ecosystem and its wildlife corridor," the WWF's forest and species programme di-

rector Anwar Purwoto said.

"WWF calls for all concessions operating in this area to abandon plans to clear this forest and protect areas with high conservation value," he added, urging authorities to manage the zone "as part of Indonesia's commitments to protecting biodiversity".

There are fewer than 400 Sumatran tigers left in the wild, among a global tiger population of just 3,200 -- down from 100,000 a century ago.

WWF spokeswoman Desmarita Murni said that Jakarta designated the Bukit Tigapuluh area as one of six priority tiger conservation zones during last year's Tiger Summit in Russia.

"They have to ensure that its commitment is well implemented," she told AFP.

APP denied WWF's claims that Barito Pacific Timber is its subsidiary or supplier. "It's not related whatsoever with our group," a spokeswoman said.

Barito Pacific Timber could not be reached for comment.

Environmental activists say that Sumatran tigers are increasingly coming into contact with people as a result of their natural habitat being lost due to deforestation for timber and palm oil plantations.

President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono has been under pressure from environmentalists to implement a promised two-year moratorium on the clearing of natural forest and peatland, which was due to begin January 1.

Norway agreed in May last year to contribute up to \$1 billion to help preserve Indonesia's forests, in part through the moratorium.

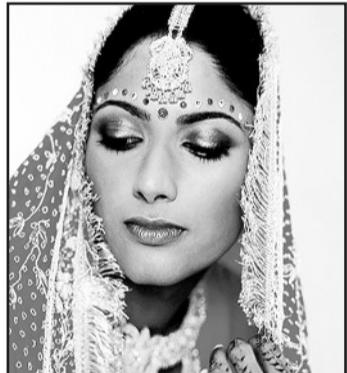
WWF warned last year, during the Year of the Tiger, that the species is on course for outright extinction by 2022 -- the next Year of the Tiger under the Chinese calendar.

Thirteen countries host fragile tiger populations -- Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Russia, Thailand and Vietnam.

The advisory said most newly-married women were actually ringing their parents not former boyfriends, but warned that passing on hourly updates about their new home was damaging.

It added that for at least two years brides should make "small adjustments" to help build a solid foundation for a marriage.

## Indian brides told to reduce mobile phone use



NEW DELHI (AFP) – An Indian state has told newly-wedded women to avoid talking too much on their mobile phones for the first two years of marriage in case it provokes jealousy from their husbands.

The Punjab State Commission for Women (PSCW) issued an official advisory last week urging brides "to focus on their domestic life instead of having long conversations on mobile phones".

Commission head Gurdev Kaur Sangha told AFP on Monday that the advice was designed to avoid suspicion between new couples as they adjust to their new life to-

gether.

"I found that almost 40 per cent of women consider seeking a divorce on the grounds that her husband and in-laws do not like her talking on mobile phones," said Sangha, 70, from Chandigarh, the state capital of Punjab.

"Most husbands said their wives are always on the phone and they doubted their character as they suspected them of talking to ex-boyfriends."

Sangha said she had seen a rise in complaints from women about domestic violence, sexual harassment and family discord due to arguments over brides being constantly on the phone.

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## France May Get Faster Mobile Broadband Than Other Countries

French Internet users in rural areas may end up getting faster mobile broadband than other parts of the world, after a minister said that operators would be allowed to buy more spectrum.

Last week, Eric Besson, minister of Industry, Energy and the Digital Economy, said that the country's mobile operators would be allowed to buy up to two 15MHz channels of spectrum -- one for data downloads and one for uploads -- in the 800MHz band, which will be sold in an upcoming 4G auction.

That sets it apart from other European countries, including Sweden and Germany, where operators are only able to buy two channels of 10MHz.

In the U.S., Verizon Wireless also uses two channels of 10MHz for its LTE (Long Term Evolution) network. Larger chunks of spectrum mean operators can

offer faster speeds, in the same way a road with three lanes can handle more traffic than one with two lanes.

For the faster speeds to become a reality operators have to be willing to buy that amount of spectrum, while networks and modems would have to be able to handle the wider channels. Unsurprisingly, operators are keeping mum about their plans. Orange can't comment formally on the upcoming LTE auctions at the present time, a spokesman said via e-mail.

Current radio base stations for LTE are compatible with the wider channels, according to a spokeswoman at Ericsson.

Such performance improvements are not expected in the short and medium term, since they would require improvement of several orders of magnitude compared to the performance of current components, it said.

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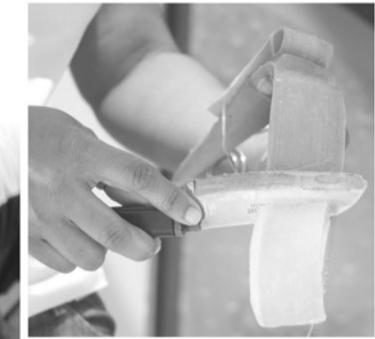
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### Man shows off first US full face transplant



In this undated handout image courtesy of Lightchaser Photography, Dallas Wiens talks on his cell phone

BOSTON, Massachusetts (AFP) — A Texas cherry picker who burned his face off after his head touched an electrical wire showed off his new face on Monday as doctors presented the first US full face transplant recipient.

Wearing dark sunglasses and a dark goatee beard, Dallas Wiens, 26, appeared at a press conference alongside doctors who performed the operation at

Brigham and Women's Hospital in the northeastern city of Boston.

"To me the face feels natural, as it is if it has become my own," said Wiens, acknowledging that he still feels numb in some places and needs to continue rehabilitation work to rebuild nerve function.

"I can never express what has been done, what I have been given," he added, thank-

ing the donor family who wished to remain anonymous.

Wiens was injured in November 2008 when his head touched a high voltage electrical wire, causing dramatic facial deformities and burning off his nose and lips.

Plastic surgeon Bohdan Pomahac led the team of physicians, nurses and anesthesiologists for more than 15 hours to replace Wiens's nose, lips, facial skin, nerves and muscles.

The operation was done in March by a 30-strong team at Brigham and Women's Hospital, which said it was "the first full face transplant" performed in the country.

"He was quite literally a man without a face," said Pomahac.

Wiens said he was looking forward to leading a more normal life with his young daughter, who was enamored by his new look.

"She actually said 'Daddy, you're so handsome,'" he said.

## Health Tip: Evaluate Your Eating Habits



If you've tried various diets and can't seem to lose weight, maybe it's time to re-evaluate your eating habits.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offers these suggestions:

\*Keep a diary of all foods you eat, when you ate them, how you were feeling, and what you were doing when you ate. Review the diary after a few days and look for patterns in your habits.

\*Take note of factors such as how quickly you ate, how much you ate, any meals you skipped, when you ate dessert,

and when you ate despite not being hungry.

\*Think about why you have those eating habits, and choose those that you'd like to change.

\*Use your diary to figure out what causes you to eat when you aren't hungry (factors such as stress, while watching TV or being bored). Figure out of how to avoid eating in response to those triggers.

\*Be consistent with your new eating habits, and realize that it may take time for them to stick.

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## Ramsey de Cuba runs the 10K in a wheelchair for the Mi Por foundation



Wheelchair-bound Ramsey de Cuba has made headlines last week when he ran the 10K Boulevard run with the help of two local athletes, Maximillion Irving and Carlos Mansur. Carlos Mansur and Maximillion Irving have sponsored Mi Por and adapted a stroller for Ramsey. With Irving and Mansur functioning as the hands and feet of 10-year old Ramsey, the three have made a tremendous gesture in their effort to help the Mi Por foundation.

This foundation helps support children with a physical limitation and it also tries to improve the acceptance of them on the island socially, medically as well as educationally. Ramsey made a statement by running the 10K, showing that his limitation amounts to almost nothing if our community does not limit him and others like him. He finished in the top



73, leaving 327 others behind, receiving lots and lots of applause for his super performance.

Mi Por is tremendously proud of Ramsey and hopes that all parents of children with a physical limitation will

contact the foundation at 5933201 or send a mail to [stichting.mi.por@gmail.com](mailto:stichting.mi.por@gmail.com). Who knows: their child might also be as great a role model as Ramsey!

Well done, Ramsey!

## Announcement to all candidates who have passed their oral MAVO/HAVO/VWO 2011 land exams

ORANJESTAD – The Department of Education - Exam Bureau announces to all candidates who passed their MAVO/HAVO/VWO 2011 oral exam that the Central Written Land Exam 2011 will take place from May 16 to 31, 2011. The Exam Bureau office has sent all candidates who passed their oral exam a letter, the roster of the 1st and 2nd semester and guidelines via e-mail.

Candidates who, for one reason or the other, did not receive their letters via e-mail

are requested to pass personally at the Exam Bureau offices Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to noon or 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. to get their letters. It is very important for candidates to fetch this letter in order to get more information regarding their exam. It is their responsibility to have their letter, roster and guidelines.

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Cas Bon N.V. handed him the keys

**Demetrio Tromp receives his house from Aruba Lions Club board members**



Demetrio Tromp is a very happy man. Recently, the construction company Cas Bon NV. handed Mr. Tromp the keys to a brand new house he won through the annual Lions Club raffle of 2010. The process took a little more time than usual because of notary issues. The house is situated at Paramira

78 and consists of 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and an ultramodern kitchen by Extreme Home. It is 101 m<sup>2</sup> surrounded by an ample garden on 363 m<sup>2</sup> land.

Last week, all legal processes were finalized via Notary Hilda Taekema-Rodriguez so on Wednesday, May 4, Lions Club President

Claret Lopez handed Mr. Tromp the key to the front door in presence of Fito Croes of Cas Bon N.V.

Last year's raffle took place on November 5; it was the 54th house to be raffled by Lions Club of Aruba; this is their principal fundraising event each year, the proceeds of which finance many wor-



thy community projects. The sale of the raffle began in August and the Club's board is very pleased with the results; 90% of all the tickets were sold.

Soon the club will raffle its 55th house which is situated at the new residential project Monte Verde Park Residence in Seroe Biento – Santa Cruz, close to the Well Well Bar & Restaurant. It is a beautiful house with 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms with

Banjolux accessories, and a fully equipped kitchen by Berloni. The raffle is on November 4, 2011 and ticket sales will begin soon.

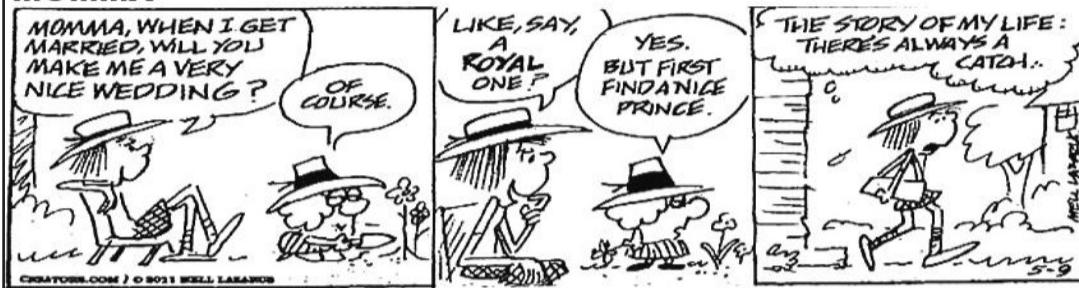
Aruba Lions Club has existed for 64 years and the last 55 has included the tradition of raffling houses. The raffle generates approximately 700,000 Aruban florins which is given back to the community through different organizations and foundations.

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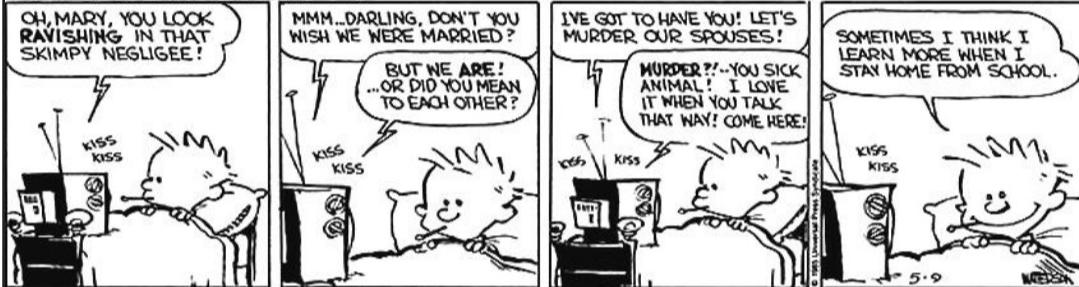
## PICKLES



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## ACROSS

1. Apron part
4. Ostrichlike bird
7. '60s pres.
10. Red-coated cheese
12. Pierre's "no"
13. Certain debts
15. Prefix for gram
16. Pepsi One, e.g. (2 wds.)
18. Coiffure
20. \_\_\_ salts
21. Ames residents
24. Carpet ruiners
27. Tennis contests
32. "The World As \_\_\_ It" (2 wds.)
33. Musician's job
34. Comedian Jay
35. Hunter's companion (2 wds.)
37. Desert caravan stops
38. Takes in
40. Natural aptitude
44. "Make yourself \_\_\_" (2 wds.)
48. Recklessness
51. Rewrite
52. Not fooled by
53. Vietnamese New Year
54. Explorer of TV

## 55. Space between

56. Tax expert (abbr.)

57. Uncle or cousin (abbr.)

## 14. U.S.A.'s

"Uncle"

17. IQ \_\_\_

19. Juan's "two"

22. Roberto's friend

23. Scold

24. Bro, to sis

25. 23rd Greek letter

26. Over, in verse

28. Came into conflict

29. \_\_\_ So Fine"

30. Opp. of WSW

31. Distress signal

33. Zeus or Odin

36. "Shucks!"

37. Baseball great Mel

39. Macaroni, e.g.

40. To's pal

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## DOWN

1. One of Alcott's "Little Women"

2. Thought

3. \_\_\_ Ha'i"

4. Finance

5. "Me," in Paris

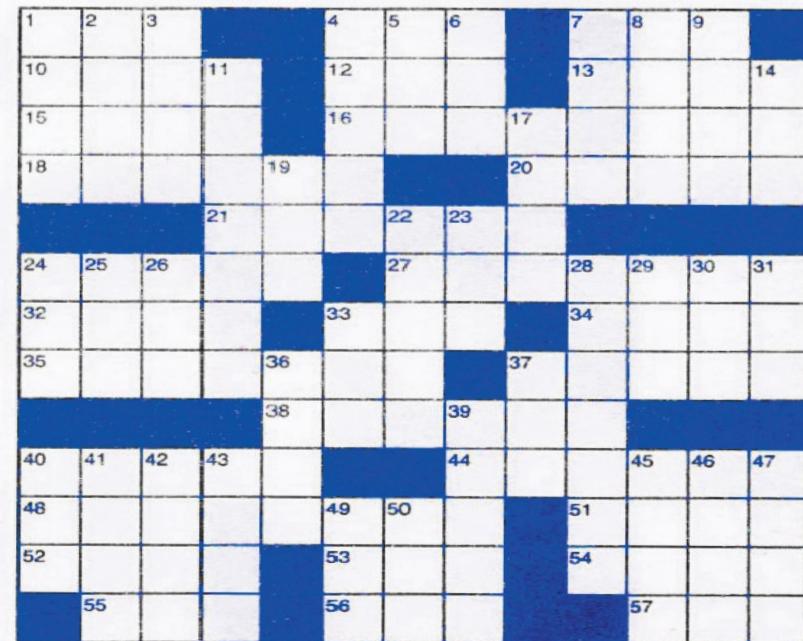
6. French article

7. Speak imperfectly

8. Sounds heard from a ghost

9. Karate's cousin

11. Earned



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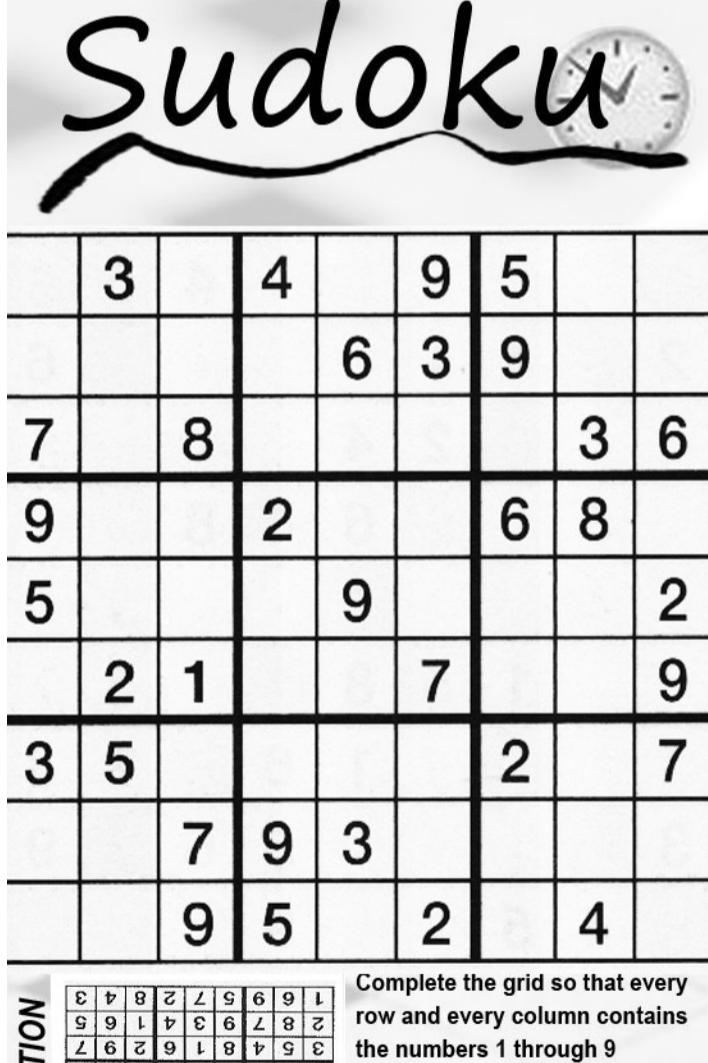
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## SOLUTION

Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9  
A number is Never repeated in a row or column.

In addition every rectangle must contain the numbers 1 through 9

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2	8	7	9	3	4	1	6	5
3	5	4	8	1	6	2	9	7
4	2	1	6	4	7	3	5	9
5	4	3	9	8	7	1	2	6
6	3	2	5	1	6	8	4	7
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9	1	5	4	8	9	2	6	3

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## Finance

# YouTube founders buy social media tracker

SAN FRANCISCO, U.S.A. (AFP) - The founders of YouTube yesterday announced they bought a startup that specializes in tracking what campaigns at Twitter or Facebook are doing for companies' bottom lines.

Chad Hurley and Steve Chen did not disclose financial terms of the deal to purchase Tap11.com, which came on the heels of the pair buying popular social bookmarking website Delicious from Yahoo! for an undisclosed sum.

Hurley and Chen, who sold YouTube to Google for \$1.65 billion in 2006, said they planned to integrate Tap11 and Delicious with their new San Mateo, California-based Internet company AVOS.

"Our vision is to create the world's best platform for users to save, share, and discover new content," Hurley said in a release.

"With the acquisition of Tap11, we will be able to provide consumer and enterprise users with powerful tools to publish and analyze their links' impact in real-time."

Tap11 bills itself as a real-time platform for companies to monitor and measure how well their media campaigns are playing out at microblogging service Twitter and online social networking community Facebook.

"We plan to leverage our Volume algorithm to fully measure the impact of content consumed and shared across the social ecosystem," said Tap11 chief technology officer Braxton Woodham.

"In combination with Delicious.com, we will be able to provide consumers and publishers with deep, relevant insights and recommendations."

Financial details of the Tap11 acquisition were not disclosed.

## US announces \$2 bln for high-speed rail projects



NEW YORK, NY - Members of the United States Army and the Amtrak police patrol as Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood speaks to the media regarding national high-speed rail service, at Penn Station in New York City. Secretary LaHood announced that the U.S. government has awarded \$795 million to increase rail speeds between Boston and Washington. This money is the largest share of the more than \$2 billion in high-speed rail-grants that the state of Florida rejected in February. Amtrak, which won \$450 million, will use the money to increase rider capacity and to improve travel times between Philadelphia and New York. AFP Photo

## Your 1000 list---



A few weeks ago, I was on a telephone consultation with one of our subscribers and one of the suggestions I gave him was to create a list of the 1,000 individuals or businesses he would like as customers.

I hope all of you have read the life story of David Ogilvy, because when he started in the advertising business, he made a list of the corporations he would most like to have as clients.

In fact, he called this list his Most Desirable Customers List. I don't remember reading anywhere how many names were on Ogilvy's list, but it didn't have to be extensive for him to succeed.

Unfortunately I never read

what he did with this list he created.

In my suggestion to create the 1,000 list, I mentioned that when I was in the insurance business, I also created the 1,000 list. My secret was to be in communication with them at least twice a month, and at the very least once a month, with valuable information that would help them.

The information didn't necessarily have to be in reference to their business. It could have been information that would help them lead a better life, a healthier life, or help them and their family to create wealth. I can go on and on with ideas, but these few should give you an idea of what you need to do.

I had created over 18 reports that I would mail out to them. Remember, back then it was regular mail. Today you can email your prospect the reports.

Another thing I did was that whenever I came across an article in a magazine or a newspaper, I would get permission to reprint it to mail to my list. I'd include a note such as, "Dear Jim, I came across this article and didn't know if you saw it yet, so I

decided to send a copy to you. I know it will help---(whatever the article was about.)

And by the way, whenever I converted someone from my 1,000 list to a customer, I immediately added another name to the list, so that I always had 1,000 names. Here's the remarkable part... I had over a 90% conversion rate—90% of the people on my list became my customers over a five year period of time.

That means I was in front of them, if once a month, at least 50 to 60 times over the five year period of time. It doesn't matter that it took me on average 9 months to get the majority of them to become my customer. What matters is that you can do the same thing. So begin today making your list of 1,000.

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## I Coast files complaint against Gbagbo over Swiss assets

GENEVA, Switzerland (AFP) - The new Ivory Coast government has filed a criminal complaint against ousted former strongman Laurent Gbagbo in Switzerland for money laundering and to recover millions of dollars he squirreled away in Swiss banks, a lawyer defending the state said Monday.

"The complaint filed against Mr. Gbagbo, his wife and several members of his circle was sent on March 29 in the name of the Republic of Ivory Coast," Bruno de Preux, a Swiss lawyer representing the Ivorian government told AFP.

The complaint was filed at the Swiss government's criminal investigations department aimed at "recovering all the Ivorian assets blocked by Switzerland," he added.

According to the Federal

Department of Foreign Affairs, the funds amount to some 70 million Swiss francs (80 million dollars, 55 million euros).

In January, Switzerland, traditionally seen as a safe haven for dictators' assets, immediately blocked funds belonging to Gbagbo in order to prevent their misappropriation before their origin could be determined.

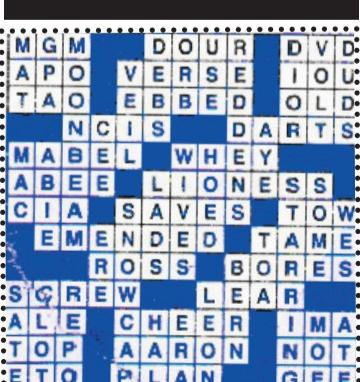
Last Friday President Alasane Ouattara, regarded by the international community as the winner of a run-off poll with Gbagbo last year, was sworn in as head of state after five months of violence and political standoff.

The fighting between the followers of Gbagbo and Ouattara had prompted fears of a return to the all-out civil war which effectively led to a

north-south divide in the former French colony at the last decade.

Gbagbo was arrested on April 11 with his wife Simone and roughly 100 loyalists following a raid on his residence in Abidjan by pro-Ouattara forces.

### YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer



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Le Petit Café in Palm Beach offers charming surroundings reminiscent of a European outdoor café. Surrounded by Old World gaslights and an abundance of flora, it provides a delightful and romantic setting. In Oranjestad, diners can enjoy a breathtaking view of the harbor; particularly as the sun dips over the horizon and the lights of town set the waters aglow. Taking advantage of their Early Bird Special not only offers a great price for a delicious meal, but put you in the right place at the right time to enjoy

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The Early Bird special offers a choice of a full sized chicken breast, a hefty portion of filet mignon or fresh grouper fillet accompanied by a well-stuffed baked potato, rice or french fries. There is a choice of soup or salad as a starter, and ice cream for dessert, all for a modest \$21.50; an unbeatable price for a great meal on Aruba!

Cooking your main course on the stone is a supremely healthy method of preparation, seasoned to perfection and using no fats or oils. Fish in particular is excellent; extremely moist and tasty. A thick cut of filet mignon usu-

ally requires cutting into smaller sections to cook fully, especially if your preference is medium-well to well done.

Le Petit Café is particularly well known for its "Land and Sea" specialty, filet mignon and lobster tail; a gourmet treat when served in their signature fashion. The restaurant also offers a diverse menu of pastas and tempting gourmet appetizers such as seafood crepes, crispy calamari, and escargot. For family members in the mood for something different there are several dishes to choose from, such as chicken parmesan, so a large family with different ideas of what they want for dinner can easily be accommodated.

We all know that breakfast is the most important meal of the day, and Le Petit Café has



**Fish on a Stone**

also long been famous for the best value for breakfast on Aruba. They still offer an American breakfast for \$6.95 and a full breakfast buffet for \$10.95, another unbeatable value!

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## Regis Philbin memoir coming this fall



NEW YORK – Regis Philbin is ready for a new chapter.

The retiring star of "Live! With Regis and Kelly" has a memoir coming this fall. It Books announced Monday. Philbin, 79, will reflect on his decades-long television career, including stories about "Live!" co-host Kelly Ripa and her predecessor Kathie Lee Gifford and such celebrities as Jack Nicholson, George Clooney and Jerry Seinfeld. The memoir is cur-

rently untitled.

In a statement released by the publisher, an imprint of HarperCollins, Philbin called the book a "valedictory" and a "personal thank-you," especially to his fans. He announced in January that he will leave his long-running morning talk show by the end of the year. His previous books include "I'm Only One Man" and "Who Wants to Be Me?"

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## Pope's gondola ride kicks up unholy row



Pope Benedict XVI (C) and Cardinal Angelo Scola ride on the "Batolina," an historic gondola, from St Mark's square to the basilica della Salute in Venice .

VENICE, Italy (AFP) – Pope Benedict XVI was rowed across Venice's spectacular Grand Canal in a luxury gondola on week-end with his four "gondoliers" fighting off fierce competition for the honour.

The days leading up to the 84-year-old pope's visit have been fraught ones for the gondolier community, with one rower even invoking a vision of Catholic saint Padre Pio in his bid for a coveted spot on the gondola.

"I've had enough. It's a shame the pope can't row the

gondola himself, otherwise I would have given him an oar and he could have gone himself," Aldo Reato, head of the gondoliers, huffed earlier in local daily Il Gazzettino.

He eventually chose two rival pairs out of Venice's 425 gondoliers to restore peace, rejecting the possibility of using the only woman gondolier.

Bruno and Francesco Dei Rossi are brothers whose father Albino rowed late pope John Paul II during his visit in 1985. The other pair, Giampaolo D'Este and Igor Vig-

notto, are two famous participants in the Venice regattas.

"We've never had a protocol on who should be used on prestigious occasions like this one. Now is a good time to draw one up," Reato was quoted as saying.

Rowing for the pope gives the highly competitive gondoliers huge publicity in Venice and can be a source of pride for a family for generations.

"It's been two days that I haven't managed to sleep. It's a huge responsibility," Bruno Dei Rossi told reporters ahead of the crossing.

Vignotto said: "This is very emotional. I went to confession yesterday."

The "Doganessa" gondola taken by the pope was traditionally for the "doges" -- the elected leaders of the Venice republic -- and like the one used by John Paul II. Paul VI also took a ride on a gondola during his visit in 1972.

The tradition of gondola-riding in the picturesque island city goes back to the Middle Ages and gondolas first appeared in paintings in the 15th century.



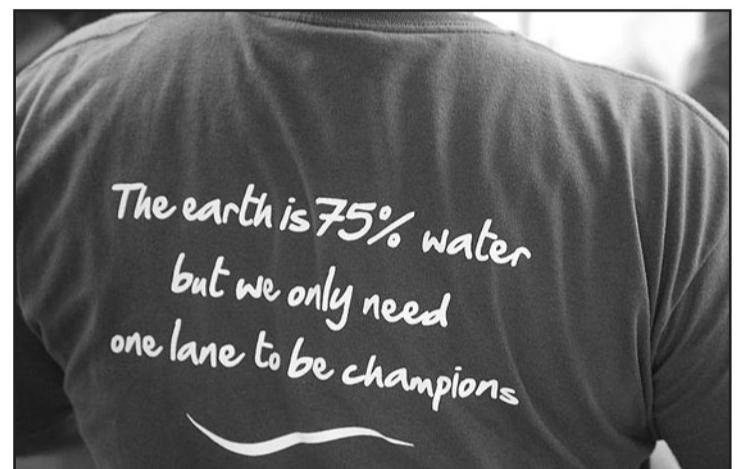
## Arubans Scored Gold, Silver and Bronze in Barbados



Carifta 2011 Aruba's delegation



Jordy High Point Trophy Winner 13-14 yrs.



left; Joseph 2nd 200 Fly

Recently the 26th CARIFTA Swimming Championship took place in Barbados. Under the tutorship of Head Coach Ismael Santiesteban and assistant Ynocente Chacon, the Aruban delegation trained for many months to be adequately prepared to compete in the top level. They demonstrated that they were in top shape and were impressive in their performances.

More than 300 athletes from 17 French, English, Dutch and Caribbean countries competed for medals in the 16 swimming events. Each day started off with the selection of the best 8 athletes who were chosen to compete in the evening for the final event. After 4 days of heavy competition the Aruba swimmers again made history for Aruba. Never before has an Aruban swimmer achieved the title of Champion in the "High Point Trophy" category!

However, this year Jordy Groters achieved the maximum title in his category. At the end of the competition Jordy had won 4 Gold medals, 4 Silver medals, breaking one CARIFTA record, 2 Open

records of Aruba and 5 Aruban records in his category.

Aruba had two other swimmers in the Top 3 of their category, namely, Mikel Schreuders with 1 Gold and 5 Silver medals and as sub champion, Tyreke Wernet with 2 Gold, 3 Bronze medals and 1 Aruban record in his category. He succeeded in being in the 3rd place in the 11-12 years category.

Aruba got 1 Gold, 3 Silver, and 2 Bronze and 2 new Aruban records from Ally Ponson. And, the Estafette boys' team of 11-12 years was: Edward Mulder, Mikel Schreuders, Tyreke Wernet and Joseph Winterdaal.

The final day was even more festive when Aruba's team won 5 Gold medals, 2 Silver and 3 Bronze medals.

The Aruba National anthem resounded as many as five times during the event. The estafette team of ages 11 to 12 broke the CARIFTA record leaving Barbados with the Aruban name resounding for the future to come. Seven other Aruban records were broken by: Daniella van den Berg with 3, Jordy Groters with 3 and

Tyreke Wernet with 1. The third and final night the Aruban team added 2 Gold medals, 7 Silver and 2 more Bronze Medals with Danielle van den Berg breaking 4 more records and Jordy Groters with 3 medals.

Aruba participated at CARIFTA with her best athletes, her 13 best swimmers: 11-12 year girls: Ginayla Arends (1 silver, 1 bronze. Men: Edward Mulder, Mikel Schreuders (1 gold, 5, silver), Tyreke Wernet (2 gold, 1 silver, 3 bronze, 1 Aruban record), and Joseph Winterdal (1 silver). In the 13-14 years girls category: SueGin Arends and Daniella van den Berg (1 gold, 3 silver, 2 bronze, 3 Open Aruban record, 4 records in the Aruban category). Men's team: Jordy Groters (4 gold, 4 silver, Champion in his Category, 1 Carifta record, Open Aruban records, 5 Aruban records in the Aruban category) and Renze Postma (2 bronze). In the 15 to 17 year category: Ally (1 silver, 1 bronze, 1 Aruban record) and Gaby Ponson. Men's: Jemal leGrand and Joey Ponson (1 silver, 1 Aruban record).

Aruba won a total of 111 Gold Medals, 17 Silver medals, 9 Bronze Medals with a total of 367.50 points. Guadeloupe had the highest number of Silver Medals and the highest number of overall points: 736.50. Barbados scored with the highest number of Gold Medals: 21 and 560 overall points.



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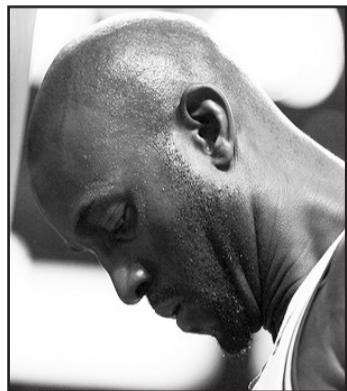


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## Bryant, Garnett match All-Defensive record



NEW YORK (AFP) – Kobe Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers and Boston forward Kevin Garnett each matched an NBA record on Monday when they were named to the NBA All-Defensive Team for a record-tying ninth time.

Joining them on the honor squad were Orlando Magic center Dwight Howard, winner of the NBA Defensive Player of the Year Award three years in a row, plus Miami Heat forward LeBron James and Boston Celtics guard Rajon Rondo.

Bryant and Garnett matched the mark for selection to the most career All-

Defensive Teams shared by retired NBA icon Michael Jordan and former star guard Gary Payton.

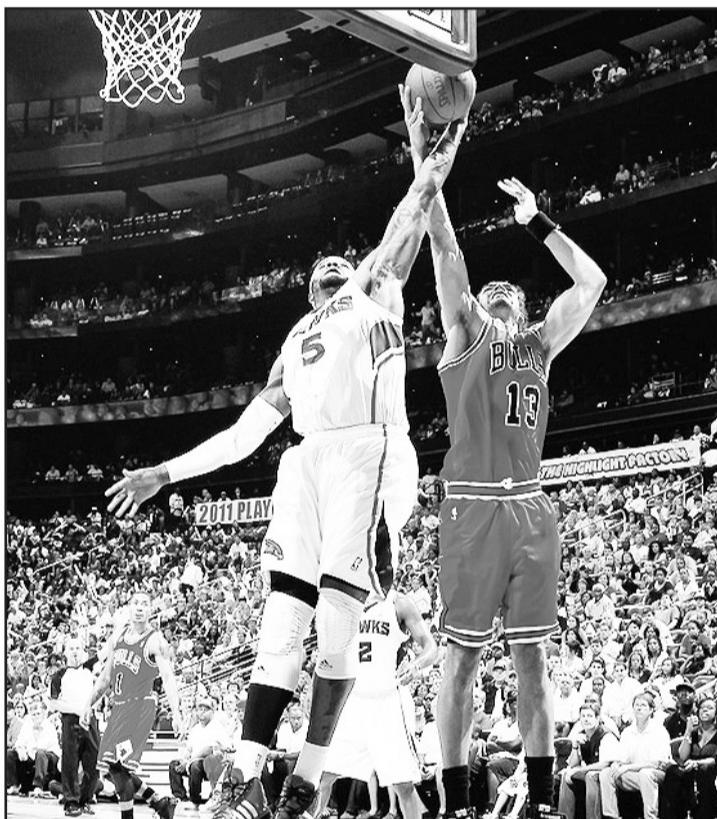
Voting was conducted by the NBA's 30 coaches, each voting for a first and second team but none allowed to vote for a player on his own squad. Each first team nod was worth two points overall.

Howard set the pace with 56 points, including 27 first-place votes, followed by Rondo with 39 points, James on 38 and Garnett and Bryant, a star guard on the past two NBA title teams for the Lakers, each with 33 points.

The NBA All-Defensive second team included guards Tony Allen of Memphis and Chris Paul of New Orleans, Dallas center Tyson Chandler and forwards Andre Iguodala of Philadelphia and Joakim Noah of the Chicago Bulls.

Noah, the son of French tennis legend Yannick Noah, edged NBA Most Valuable Player teammate Derrick Rose by a single point for the last spot, 15 to 14.

## Hawks beat Bulls to even series



**Josh Smith #5 of the Atlanta Hawks battles for a rebound against Joakim Noah #13 of the Chicago Bulls**

ATLANTA, Georgia (AFP) – The Atlanta Hawks defeated the Chicago Bulls 100-88 to even their NBA Eastern Conference second-round playoff series at two games apiece.

Atlanta's Josh Smith scored 23 points with 16 rebounds and eight assists and back-up Jeff Teague delivered down the stretch as the Hawks held off the Bulls and their NBA Most Valuable Player Derrick Rose.

The Hawks' second-round playoff victory on their home floor on Sunday was a long time coming. They had lost nine second-round home contests since a victory over Orlando at the same stage in May 1996.

The series shifts back to Chicago for game five tonight. The Hawks have shown they can win in the Bulls' arena, however, having

with a 99-82 triumph in game three in Atlanta.

Rose was not as effective in this one, scoring 34 points on 12-of-32 shooting in the face of the Hawks' aggressive defensive double-teams.

Rose had 10 assists but he also had two turnovers and missed two shots in the final four minutes as the Bulls stalled.

"I put this game on me," Rose said. "Two turnovers at the end... it was a tough game, but it's a series, first to four. And we know that."

Carlos Boozer had 18 points for Chicago, and Luol Deng added 13. Kyle Korver had a difficult night, going 1-for-8 from the field and missing all five of his three-point attempts.

Hawks star Joe Johnson said attitude was the biggest adjustment Atlanta made.

The winner of the series will face either Boston or Miami in the Eastern Conference finals, for a chance to play a team from the West for the NBA crown.

<b>MLB Standings</b>									
<b>American League</b>			<b>National League</b>						
<b>East</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>GB</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>GB</b>
NY YANKEES	18	13	.581	--	PHILADELPHIA	22	10	.688	--
TAMPA	19	14	.576	--	FLORIDA	19	13	.594	3.0
TORONTO	15	18	.455	4.0	ATLANTA	19	16	.543	4.5
BOSTON	15	18	.455	4.0	WASHINGTON	16	17	.485	6.5
BALTIMORE	14	18	.438	4.5	NY METS	15	18	.455	7.5
<b>Central</b>									
CLEVELAND	22	10	.688	--	ST. LOUIS	19	15	.559	--
KANSAS CITY	18	15	.545	4.5	CINCINNATI	17	16	.515	1.5
DETROIT	16	18	.471	7.0	PITTSBURG	16	17	.485	2.5
MINNESOTA	12	19	.387	9.5	CHICAGO	15	17	.469	3.0
CHICAGO	12	22	.353	10.5	MILWAUKEE	14	19	.424	4.5
<b>West</b>									
LA ANGELES	19	15	.559	--	HOUSTON	13	20	.394	5.5
TEXAS	18	16	.529	1.0	COLORADO	18	13	.581	--
OAKLAND	17	17	.500	2.0	SAN FRANCISCO	17	16	.515	2.0
SEATTLE	16	18	.471	3.0	ARIZONA	15	17	.469	3.5
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stunned the Bulls in the series opener.

Chicago had regained their home-court advantage

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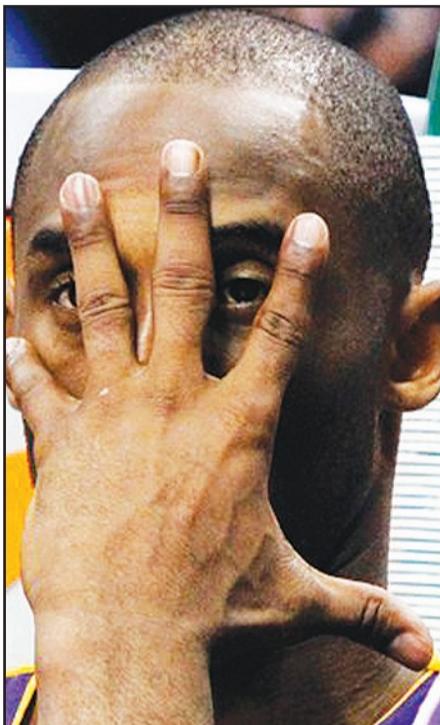
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# Mavericks sweep Lakers out of playoffs



**A defeated Kobe after the game**

DALLAS, Texas (AFP) — The Dallas Mavericks have ended the Los Angeles Lakers' NBA reign, sweeping the two-time defending champions out of the playoffs with a 122-86 Western Conference second-round victory.

Jason Terry tied an NBA postseason record with nine three-pointers and the Mavericks equalled another playoff mark with 20 three-pointers as they wrapped up the best-of-seven series in the minimum four games.

The Mavericks, who have endured a series of early playoff exits since falling in the NBA finals in 2006, ended the Lakers' quest for a three-peat, and ended the Phil Jackson era in Los Angeles.

The pursuit of a three-peat prompted Jackson to put retirement on hold and return for another season, and the defeat almost certainly

marked his last game at the helm of an NBA team.

"All my hopes and aspirations are that this is the final game I'll coach," said Jackson, who guided Michael Jordan's Bulls to six titles in the 1990s and who had taken the Lakers to a total of five championships.

It was clear early on that he wouldn't go out a winner as the Mavericks used their long-range barrage to put this one out of reach.

Lakers superstar Kobe Bryant sat out the waning stages as the Lakers turned the game over to their reserves.

Jackson was swept for the first time in 21 postseasons as a coach. The Lakers hadn't been swept in a playoff series since 1999.

The Mavericks will play either the Memphis Grizzlies or Oklahoma City Thunder in the Western Conference finals, for a chance to take on a team from the East for the NBA crown.

Despite his team's status as the two-time defending champs, Jackson said he wasn't surprised by the Mavericks.

"I think I told you guys all along that Dallas is a very good team," he said. "We had the same record they had in the regular season, and they played better as a team than we did."

He noted Dallas' depth, and the Mavericks got solid contributions from their bench on Sunday including Terry's 32 points, 22 from J.J. Barea and 21 from Peja Stojakovic.

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## Ohno undecided on Sochi bid

OMAHA, Nebraska (AFP) — Short-track speedskater Apolo Anton Ohno, whose eight-medal haul is the biggest of any American Winter Olympian, said Monday he remains undecided about competing at the 2014

Sochi Games.

Ohno, who turns 29 in two weeks, is about to start training for a run in November's New York Marathon and expects to decide about competing in Russia in 2014 once that challenge is completed.

"The Olympic spirit is always going to be within my blood," Ohno said. "I'm excited for the 2014 Games. I'll be there for sure. It's just whether I'll have my ice skates with me or not."

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